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SUBJECT: EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTOR; CANAL CITIES WATER AND SEWAGEMASTER PLANS

- 1. PRESENTLY USAID IS FINANCING THE WATER AND SEWAGEMASTER PLANS/ FEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR THE CITIES OF PORT SAID, ISMAILIA AND SUEZ. THE INITIAL REPORTS ON IMMEDIATE REMEDIAL WORK ARE DUE IN MID-MAY. INTERIM REPORTS ON OTHER FACETS WILLBE ISSUED PERIODICALLY OVER THE NEXT 12MONTHS WITH FINAL REPORTS DUE THE SUMMER OF 1979. THE INITIAL REPORTS WILL HOPEFULLY FORMTHE BASIS OF AN FY 78 PROJECT.
- 2. IN ADDITION TO WATER AND SEWER ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED PARA ONE, USAID HAS PROJECTS IN ALEXANDRIA (SEWAGE) AND CAIRO (WATER) AND PLANS TO CONTINUE PROJECT ACTIVITY IN BOTH ALEXANDRIA AND CAIRO. FOR TECHNICAL MONITORING OF THESE PROJECTS USAID HAS ONE FULL TIME SANITARY ENGINEER. WE UNDERSTAND RECRUITMENT FOR ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING ASSISTANCE IS IN PROCESS.
- 3. FOR INTERIM ASSISTANCE IN MONITORING ACTIVITIES IN THIS SECTOR, USAID PRESENTLY HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EMPLOY A HIGHLY QUALIFIED SANITARY ENGINEER, NOW RESIDENT IN EGYPT, FOR A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT. SPECIFICALLY MR. ROBERT THEROUX, AN EMPLOYEE OF ENGINEERING SCIENCES, INC. (ARCADIA, CALIFORNIA) IS JUST COMPLETING HIS ASSIGNMENT AS UNCLASSIFIED

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DEPUTY PROJECTMANAGER FOR THE CAIRO WATER MASTER PLAN. MR. THEROUX HAS INDICATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER A ONE-YEAR EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTWITH USAID. ASSUMING THIS MATERIALIZES, WE WOULD TASK MR. THEROUX WITH THE TECHNICAL MONITORING OF THE THREE CANAL CITIES WATER AND SEWAGE STUDIES.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE AID/W VIEWS ON THE EMPLOYMENTOF MR. THEROUX,

INCLUDING PROCEDURES REQUIRED TO CONSUMATE EMPLOYMENT. AMONG THE SPECIFIC ITEMS WHICH SHOULD BE ADDRESSED ARE CEILING AND SECURITY CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS. SINCEMR. THEROUX HAS LITTLE TIME LEFT ON HIS CURRENT ASSIGNMENT, USAID WOULD APPRECIATE A PRIORITY REPLY. EILTS

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